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Essex and Middlesex County Players Split the \$72,564 Jersey Cash 5 Jackpot

Three Days into the New Year and Three Wins

TRENTON, N.J. (Jan. 5, 2014) – Essex and Middlesex County players split the Jersey Cash 5 \$72,564 jackpot for the Sat., Jan. 3 drawing making each ticket worth \$36,282. This was a strong start to the New Year for New Jersey Lottery players making this the third Jersey Cash 5 win in the first three days of the year. The Essex County ticket was purchased at Shoprite of West Orange, Essex Green Shopping Center, Prospect Ave., West Orange and the Middlesex County ticket was purchased at Stop & Shop #2809, 647 Route 18 South, East Brunswick.

Executive Director Hedinger said the winning tickets were the only two sold for Saturday's drawing that matched all five numbers drawn. The winning numbers were: 10, 12, 15, 21 and 31.

"We are thrilled that the winning jackpot tickets were sold at Shoprite of West Orange and Stop & Shop #2809," said Hedinger. "This is a fantastic start of the New Year for New Jersey Lottery players and retailers. For selling these tickets, each retailer will receive a bonus check for \$2,000. Overnight, they have become two more 'lucky locations' for the very fortunate lottery winners."

Hedinger also noted that 2,301 other players won \$51,279 in cash prizes in the Saturday drawing. For correctly picking four numbers, 69 players won cash prizes of \$355 each, and for correctly matching three numbers, 2,232 players won \$12.00 each.

Watch New Jersey Lottery drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6, and CASH4LIFE launching from the Lottery website homepage (<u>NJLottery.com</u>), or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. Evening draws, with the exception of CASH4LIFE, can be seen on WPIX-TV (PIX11) in New York and WPHL-TV (PHL17) in Philadelphia. Powerball and Mega Millions drawings can be seen on WABC-TV stations.

ABOUT THE LOTTERY

Since its inception in 1970, the New Jersey Lottery (NJLottery.com) has contributed more than \$23 billion to the State in support of education and institutions. In Fiscal Year 2014, the Lottery's contribution was more than \$965 million. Among its beneficiaries are: veterans homes, community and other colleges and universities, school nutrition programs, homes for the developmentally disabled, psychiatric hospitals, higher education scholarship programs and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

